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Snow Brings Out Best and Worst in Boston



BOSTON — The "Great Blizzard of '78" had its lighter and darker sides in Boston last week.

On the good side was the generosity of Jim Mitchell and the staff of the Regency Baths, who offered free lodging for those men stranded in the city on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Dozens of Boston police officers and firefighters were served at the House Restaurant in Allston during the height of the storm. House proprietor Tony Bosco and chef Gene Marre (who walked the 5 miles from his Beacon Hill home to get to work) kept the men well-fed and warm.

There was, however, bad news as well.

With all the schools in the area effectively shut down for the week, there were a number of reports of gay men being assaulted by gangs of young white males. Two such incidents were reported in the vicinity of the Boston Eagle in the city's Fenway section. Police arrived at the scene but no arrests were reportedly made.

Sgt. William Bratton of Boston Police District 4 notified officers of the district to keep a special lookout in the Fenway area for roving gangs.

Above, Boston streets became a haven for pedestrians during the storm which dumped 28 inches of snow in the metropolitan area. The storm forced the governor to declare a "state of emergency" which remained in effect for six days. GCN photos by Ken Rabb.

Prison Officials Have Little Comment

Prisoner 'Raped and Killed' in Florida Facility

BUSHNEL, FL — A gay prisoner died at the Sumter County Correctional Facility in this town in what investigators said was a "premeditated murder."

A spokesperson for the Sumter County Sheriff's Dept. told GCN that police were called into the prison on Tuesday, January 31 to investigate the death of 19-year-old Arthur Dubay. Dubay was serving a five-year prison term and was in the "administrative confinement" section of the facility at the time of the incident.

The Sheriff's Dept. spokesperson

said that medical examiner Dr. William Shutze determined that death was due to "strangulation" and that "two or three" inmates would be indicted on charges of murder.

"There was evidence of sexual activity prior to death," the spokesperson added, "and we spoke to several inmates and employees of the prison who were witnesses to the act."

Sumter County Correctional Facility Superintendent Milo Seigler had little to say when contacted by GCN about the death of Dubay. Seigler, who claimed that he did not have access to

the inmate's dossier, said that he did not know for what crime Dubay was serving time, or when the man might have been released.

Unconfirmed reports to GCN noted that Dubay had asked for protection in the facility but that this petition was refused by guards. Reportedly, he had also called for help at the time of the incident, a call which apparently went unanswered.

Both the Sheriff's Dept. spokesperson and Superintendent Seigler expressed ignorance of those reports to GCN. The spokesperson said that the

investigation, which was still open, did not reveal that Dubay had called for help during the alleged rape and murder. He also added that no prison employees would be charged in the case.

Superintendent Seigler, again claiming that he did not have Dubay's dossier, said that as far as he knew Dubay was not homosexual.

The State's Attorney for Sumter County is expected to empanel a grand jury to investigate the death of Arthur Dubay before the end of this month.

Lesbian Re-instated After Being Fired by California Gov. Brown

SACRAMENTO, CA — The California State Personnel Board voted 4 to 1 to reinstate Dr. Josette Escamilla-Mondanaro as deputy director for the Division of Substance Abuse in the California Department of Health. She was dismissed last Oct. 25, the day before her one year probationary period was to end, on the orders of Gov. Edmund Jerry Brown. Brown took the action after it was revealed that Dr. Mondanaro had written a letter on state stationery using language which the governor felt was obscene.

Dr. Mondanaro claimed that she was fired because Brown was embarrassed in an election year by having a lesbian on his staff. She also claimed that she had refused to hire two friends of Mario Obledo, the Secretary of Health in California, adding that the hiring would have violated civil rights regulations.

The letter in question referred to sodomy and fellatio, and was a personal communication attacking a Tufts University psychiatry instructor. Dr. Mondanaro told a colleague that the instructor had "his head (or something) screwed on wrong" because he defended sexual behavior in children. Dr. Mondanaro had interpreted this as an apology for child pornography, and called it "male over-intellectualized bullshit."

The State Personnel Board, in its ruling on Feb. 8, stated that her use of state stationery for a personal letter was a "one-time error in judgment" which did not justify dismissal. The board also expressed disbelief that Dr. Mondanaro was fired because of her homosexuality.

The state has announced that it will not appeal the decision; Dr. Mondanaro had originally stated that she

would resign her position in July in accordance with earlier plans.

The Mondanaro affair has become a topic in the race for governor in this state. Former Los Angeles Police Chief Edward Davis, long an opponent of gay rights, stated that Dr. Mondanaro should "be given some kind of plaque of recognition for her opposition to child abuse." Davis is one of many Republicans seeking the chance to challenge incumbent Gov. Brown.

San Diego Mayor Peter Wilson, another announced Republican candidate, said that the case "hurts Brown's credibility." Brown himself has expressed a willingness to put the entire matter behind him, with political observers giving him high marks for deciding not to appeal the personnel board ruling.



BODY IDENTIFIED — The above man has been identified by Lowell Police as Curtis Ale Barbare, 21, formerly of the Boston area. He was found shot to death in Lowell on Feb. 2, and had last been seen the previous evening at Together in Boston. Anyone having any information should immediately contact the Lowell police, (617) 453-0272.

News Notes

BROOKE TO NOBLE

WASHINGTON, DC — Sen. Edward W. Brooke's office has rebuked statements made by Rep. Elaine Noble in an interview published in the Jan. 26 issue of *Esplanade*. "One hardly knows where to begin in terms of responding to Ms. Noble's remarks — she is consistently inaccurate concerning the Senator's record," according to Robert Waite, Brooke's Press Secretary.

"For instance," Waite continued, "Sen. Brooke has not wavered on abortion, although there has been a great deal of pressure on him to do so. He has been resolute in his belief that the Supreme Court decision must be enforced."

"In an unrelated matter, Noble said that the Senator often pairs his vote and that he has a poor attendance record. In fact the Senator has paired only on rare occasions and has one of the best attendance records in the Senate — over 90 per cent. Clearly, Ms. Noble must get a handle on the issues and get her facts straight if she is to be considered seriously."

TEACHERS IN OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — The State House has passed and sent to the Oklahoma Senate a bill that allows local school boards the right to fire teachers who "advocate homosexuality" or engage in "public homosexual activity."

The bill, which is expected to face stiffer competition in the Senate, was passed by an 88 to 2 vote last week.

THOSE AGAINST BROOKE

BOSTON — Boston legislator, State Rep. Michael J. Connolly, (D-Roslindale), announced his candidacy for the Democratic senatorial nomination last Thursday. Connolly, who has voted in favor of gay rights legislation in the House, claimed "a reputation for upsetting the Leadership apple cart" and concentrated his criticism on Sen. Edward Brooke's record.

State Rep. Elaine Noble, who has not officially announced her candidacy for the Senate race yet, is expected to do so shortly. Other potential candidates include Boston University President John Silber and Mark Furcolo, son of former Mass. Governor Foster Furcolo.

FEMINIST BLOOD-TYPE

BERGEN, NORWAY — According to the Reuters news service, a woman at the Central Hospital in this city refused to accept a blood transfusion from a male donor.

"Her feminist views made it impossible to accept a man's blood," a spokesperson for the hospital said.

Doctors solved the problem when blood from a woman donor with the correct blood type was made available.

DISCRIMINATION BARRED

SYRACUSE, NY — The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Syracuse University adopted a resolution last week which prohibits all forms of discrimination based on the "sexual orientation of the students, faculty, or staff." The resolution, sponsored by the Gay Students' Association, must be approved by the full Board of Trustees in May. It is customary that the body accept the decisions by the Executive Committee without debate.

The statement accepted by the committee said that the sexual orientation of students, faculty, or staff is "not the business of Syracuse University. Therefore, no discrimination on this basis shall be practiced by Syracuse University."

"This covers, but is not limited to, admission and any benefit of such admission of students; and the employment, retention, and promotion of faculty and staff."

"Where appropriate, the various grievance procedures available to persons of the several categories, students, faculty, or staff, shall cover any case of alleged discrimination because of sexual orientation."

BELLA LOSES AGAIN

NEW YORK CITY — Favorite Bella Abzug was upset in the special election to fill the U.S. House of Representatives seat left vacant by New York Mayor Edward Koch.

Abzug, the Democratic nominee in a 3-to-1 Democratic Manhattan district, refused to concede defeat to Republican S. William Green. The official count was taken late Friday, Feb. 17, in a Board of Elections warehouse. The informal vote count of all the precincts in the district showed Green ahead by 1,270 votes. Green had 30,240 and Abzug 28,790 when the last ballots were tallied.

The defeat is the third for Abzug in the last 18 months; she made unsuccessful runs for U.S. Senate and mayor of New York City. The campaign focused almost entirely on Abzug's personality and her support of many liberal issues including gay rights.

HOUSE HOURS EXTENDED

BOSTON — The Boston Licensing Board last week approved the application of the House Restaurant and Delivery Entrance on Wilton St., Allston, for an extension of its closing hour from 1:00 to 2:00 a.m. Commissioners Jon C. Straight and Richard L. Arrington voted in favor of the petition, while Commissioner Andrea W. Garguillo voted against it.

Straight told GCN that the almost "totally commercial" nature of the neighborhood, as well as the support of the nearest residents to the restaurant, was considered against the negative testimony of the police and civic groups. The application now goes to the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for final approval.

ORANGES AND CANCER

NEW YORK, NY — There may be another reason to boycott Florida citrus products. Reportedly the oranges from that state are dyed with Citrus Red 2, a carcinogen.

The Elements — a magazine concerned with environmental and ecological matters — noted that the dye is found only in the skin of the orange, "but that means that sucking oranges or eating orange peels, such as is done in marmalade, can present a consumer health problem."

The magazine noted that California oranges are not treated with the dye.

GAYBREAK GONE

AMHERST, MA — Gaybreak, the gay radio program of University of Mass. radio station WMUA, is no longer on the air. Demian, who produced and hosted the show for four years, left the program when he moved out of the area and no successor was chosen.

The program, which presented "positive news about people taking responsibility for their own lives," was aired on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 10 p.m. Gaybreak had a magazine with interviews, poetry, theatre events and non-sexist music.

Gaybreak was the only radio program addressing itself to gay issues in Western Massachusetts.

ILLEGAL BUTYL NITRITE

HARTFORD — A Conn. General Assembly legislative panel has approved a request from the state Consumer Protection Commissioner that the sale of Butyl Nitrite be halted. The inhalant is sold under various names — "Jac Aroma," "Locker Room," "On," "Aroma of Love" — in Conn. and other states.

Consumer chief Mary Heslin had expressed concern that Butyl Nitrite was being inhaled with possible deleterious effects to one's health. She argued that the product is not properly labeled against the "possible health hazards of continued use."

Manufacturers of the products, which are called room deodorizers, maintain that they are not designed to be inhaled but used to create an "atmosphere in which your blood grows warm, putting you in a sexy mood."

PRO-GAY REAGAN

SAN FRANCISCO — Former Cal. Governor Ronald Reagan has attacked State Sen. John Briggs for his proposed legislation to ban homosexual teachers in this state. Reagan, now a conservative newspaper columnist and radio commentator, told a news conference recently that he did not believe that gays should demand recognition of their private lives in the classrooms.

Questioned further, however, Reagan added that any attempts to ban gay teachers is "going too far" because that would mean the government must pry into private lives.

BOSTON/BOISE MEETING

BOSTON — The spokespersons for the Boston/Boise Committee met this week with some other members of the group to plan for the next fall meeting. It will be at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. At that meeting the results of the motions made by some of the defendants in the so-called "boy sex ring" case will be discussed. The first trial is now slated for March 10.

Boston/Boise has also decided to inform all the defense attorneys that "neutral, free legal aid is available to any boy or young man whom police may have pressured or otherwise harassed in questioning." The committee claims to have "substantial information" showing that some of the witnesses were pressured by the authorities and may presently be under the alleged coercion in official custody.

The Boston/Boise Committee is also continuing to insist that the editor of the *Boston Globe* meet "at once" with the committee to explain why the newspaper has not fulfilled promises "to redress major errors in reporting the sex cases last December."

NON-ERA BOYCOTT

AUSTIN, TX — Another organization has joined the growing list of those boycotting states which have not passed the Equal Rights Amendment. The American Astronomical Society announced that it will no longer hold meetings in states that have not taken a positive action on the ERA.

President Margaret Burbidge said the council of the society approved the resolution by a vote of 6 to 5. There was one abstention.

SAN JOSE LOSES RIGHTS

SAN JOSE, CA — This city no longer has a Human Relations Commission. In a recent decision the City Council determined that it no longer needed the Commission and it was abolished, along with the functions it was organized to accomplish.

The loss of the Commission also means the loss of the legislation that protected against discrimination based on "sexual preference." The Commission was set up to investigate discrimination, and to conciliate complaints and recommend legislation for City Council approval.

There is now no legislation in the city of San Jose which has any provision on "sexual orientation."

LESBIAN DEFENSE FUND

ESSEX JUNCTION, VT. — The Lesbian Defense Fund (LDF) was set up here to "help lesbian mothers keep their children." Since its inception, the group has handled four cases and has two still pending. The successful challenges for the group ended in out-of-court settlements and LDF was buoyed by the victories.

In a recent statement, the group cautioned, however, that the successes should not lead people to a "possibly damaging illusion of what the situation is really like for the lesbian mother facing a custody battle."

"Most [lesbian mothers] are forced to go to court," LDF said, "and if they can afford to do that, most lose. Most custody cases are gruelling, emotionally and financially draining, and unsuccessful."

LDF is ready to "offer assistance to women and children" who are in a custody fight. The organization functions through a system of support groups. "A support group is organized around each mother and child. That support group comes to us for advice and referral — and then does the bulk of the legwork for that custody situation," LDF said.

LDF is a non-profit, tax exempt group. For more information write the Lesbian Defense Fund, Box 4, Essex Junction, VT 05452.

Texas Group Sues Police After Harassment

By Tony Domenick

FORT WORTH TX — The Awareness Unity and Research Association (AURA), a gay service organization, has filed a class-action suit against the Ft. Worth Police Department. The suit levelled charges of harassment and illegal surveillance against the police following a gay conference in this city in June, 1973.

The conference was held to form a state-wide organization to provide gays with political representation in Texas. At the outset of that meeting, AURA was assured by the police department there would be little if any police presence. However, on the second day of the conference, police reportedly

arrived and took down license plate numbers. Those police also reportedly harassed the members of the conference as they left the meeting.

The class-action suit was filed in February, 1975. Ken Cyr, plaintiff in the suit and director of AURA, declared that the general harassment of gay people is a violation of their constitutional rights to privacy, and their freedom to promote gay rights. "This is the first case," Cyr said, "involving class-action with the police. If it is won, it will stop much of the nonsense happening to gay people in the bars and organizations down here."

Texas police argued on the basis of

the so-called homosexual conduct law in the state. Since sodomy and homosexual acts are illegal in Texas, and because the only way to determine whether someone is a homosexual is by conduct, the police claimed that there is no such thing as a "law abiding gay individual."

On October 31, 1977, the Court found the argument by the police to be "convoluted," and ruled in favor of AURA. However, the decision for a permanent injunction against the Ft. Worth Police Dept. to discontinue the surveillance of bars and other gay activity has not been resolved.

The Court stated that the mere desire

of an individual to commit a criminal act — homosexual conduct under Texas law — does not permit state interference with that individual's freedom. Therefore, a gay person does not become a violator of the law until he or she "commits an overt criminal act."

Jim Barber, attorney for AURA, believes the ruling is limited in terms of the gay rights movement, but not so in the case of the strict sodomy laws of Texas. "The ruling," Barber told GCN, "is an achievement in that it is at least educating the Fort Worth community to homosexuality as a non-criminal act, and should not be the subject of harassment."

Gay Activist Alliance Named in \$2.1 M. Civil Suit

By Harold Pickett

NEW YORK, NY — On January 17, Adam and Jane Walinsky filed a civil suit for \$2.1 million against Joe Kennedy, former chairperson of the Gay Activist Alliance's Political Action Committee, Civil Rights Attorney Lynn F. Stewart, and the GAA itself.

The suit, filed in the Supreme Court of New York, County of Westchester in White Plains, is the result of a midnight demonstration held on Aug. 4, 1977 at Walinsky's suburban home. The demonstration was held in reaction to an anti-gay rights article that Walinsky had written for the *New York Daily News*.

At that time, Walinsky was an aide to mayoral candidate Mario Cuomo and it was reported that the *Daily News* piece had first been presented to Cuomo as a position paper on gay rights. Reportedly, Cuomo had declined to accept it. Walinsky is a prominent attorney still said to be influential

in the Democratic Party in Westchester. In 1970 he was a candidate for state Attorney General and had previously served as an aide to Robert Kennedy.

The suit charges that Kennedy, Stewart and GAA hired a bus to take a "mob" to the Walinsky home, and that among other things the group threatened to "burn the house down," threw firecrackers and eggs at the house, cut the phone wires, and spray-painted the words "Go Gay" on the house.

The defendants in the suit are also charged with shouting threats through bullhorns, blowing loud piercing whistles past midnight, handing out leaflets, and "acting like bullies" by carrying baseball bats. Walinsky claims that his family received threatening phone calls for two weeks after the demonstration.

The suit charges that the action,

which was attended by about fifty people, was unlawful harassment, infringing on Walinsky's rights of free speech and the enjoyment of his property. It charges that he suffered "mental anguish" as a result.

In addition, it is claimed that Jane Walinsky is "distressed," has difficulty sleeping and cannot eat or digest properly and that the children are "fearful." Walinsky reportedly spent over one thousand dollars on security and protection measures.

The GAA's Kennedy believes that the legal implications of the suit "should be taken seriously although it proves what a bigot Walinsky is and how effective our action was." According to Kennedy, "Walinsky wants to establish the precedence that not only an organization but also the individuals who happen to be its elected leaders can be sued for an action."

Kennedy expressed amazement that

Attorney Stewart is named in the suit. "She isn't and never was a member of GAA. She is a lawyer active in civil rights cases who came along to act as a witness that night. It's a good thing she was there."

On December 13, 1977, the New York Civil Liberties Union appealed a court order by Judge Anthony J. Serata prohibiting picketing and leafletting at the Walinsky home. The expenses of the appeal were paid by the NYCLU whose "top attorneys" worked on the case.

It has been reported that Walinsky spent over one thousand dollars in a four month legal fight to get the injunction. Walinsky's suit followed close on the heels of this injunctive appeal.

Joe Kennedy feels the Walinsky demonstration had shown that "not only will gays fight back, but we can do so in a way that het-bigots didn't think possible."

Right-wing Jewish Groups Declare Opposition to Gay Rights

NEW YORK, NY — Seven conservative and right-wing Jewish organizations have declared their opposition to homosexual rights. The coalition of groups, which claims to represent over 1400 Orthodox rabbis and teachers, urged mayors and governors of cities and states "where homosexual pornographic publications are sold and homosexual pornographic movie theaters operate, to order the police to once and for all swiftly put an end to this and to other examples of extreme obscenity."

These groups have also urged Congress to defeat all gay rights bills that may come before it, and requested that the executive order of New York City Mayor Edward Koch — which ended discrimination in hiring in all city departments — be revoked.

"In the very least, that resolute resistance that the people of New York and any other affected areas now or in the future be allowed in the democratic tradition to have the final word in referendum," a spokesperson said.

The organizations in the coalition are the National Committee for Furtherance of Jewish Education; the Rabbinical Alliance of America; the National Council of Young Israel; the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the US and Canada; the Syrian, Lebanese and

Egyptian Sephardic Rabbinical Council of the US; the Federal Rabbinical Congress of the US; and the Agudath Israeli Labor Movement.

"For the past decade," the spokesperson for the coalition continued, "religious Jewish Americans have watched with increasing outrage the cancerous growth and increasing power of homosexuals in America. This moral rot has reached the point where the security and the very existence of the Republic is in peril — faced as we are by internal as well as external enemies who have said they will bury us."

The right-wing groups also attacked the recent National Women's Conference in Houston which called for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and gay rights legislation. The groups erroneously stated that the Conference recommended that people be forced to rent apartments in their homes to gay couples.

In the spokesperson's statement, which called New York's Bella Abzug the "high priestess of deviate demands," the Jewish organizations expressed shock that gay groups have as "their real goal for America that sexual perversion be regarded as a legitimate alternative lifestyle by children as well as adults."

City Clerk Comes Out in Seattle

SEATTLE — A police officer in this city, who said he "opposes homosexuality," has filed a citizen's initiative to repeal a law protecting gays from job discrimination. The officer, who must collect 17,600 signatures by July 24, also wants to repeal a long-standing Seattle law that deals with open housing for gays.

On the day the initiative was handed to City Clerk Wayne Angevine, he called a news conference and publicly admitted his homosexuality.

Since coming out to reporters on Jan. 16, Angevine said that he has received much support from the public, his fellow workers and from the office of Seattle Mayor Charles Rogers.

Angevine told GCN that there is "no way" the initiative can be passed. "According to a recent political survey, the people overwhelmingly agreed on the gay rights issue. So, this is an indication to me that the majority of the voters will not vote to repeal the ordinance," Angevine said.

Mayor Rogers told GCN that he will "not tolerate anything having to do with discrimination against homosexuals." Rogers, who is known for his pro-gay sentiments, added that equal opportunity in housing and jobs "should not be based on sexual preference. Since the anti-discrimination bill is strongly supported here, the chances for the petition are minimal."

Cashman Acquitted on Charge

ATLANTA — Frank Cashman, a long-time associate of controversial Boston bar owners Henry and Carmine Vara, has been acquitted of arson charges in this city.

Cashman and Keith R. Langan were indicted and charged with two counts of second degree arson in the October 2, 1977 fire that destroyed the Magic Garden discotheque in Atlanta. Both men faced up to ten years in prison on the charge. They were acquitted this week in Fulton County Superior Court.

In the past year, Cashman-Vara enterprises opened three bars in Atlanta. One, the Encore, is reportedly a success, while another bar closed due to lack of business. A third bar had its license rejected by the Atlanta Licensing Board because of lack of adequate parking.

The bar and disco concern moved South in 1976 after a long-standing legal battle over two of their Boston operations, Jacques and The Other Side.

editorial

Publishing, The Blizzard and GCN

While we know that many of our readers in New England and in other areas consider GCN to be essential, we are sorry to report that Massachusetts state law does not share this perception. Thus, we were unable to publish last week and we ask your understanding.

A few words of explanation are in order. Last week's worst-of-the-century snowstorm hit Boston and immobilized the city on the days when our office is at its busiest. By Wednesday evening, we had to decide whether or not to publish.

The decision to cancel was made when we considered the fact that nearly all of our many volunteers on Thursday and Friday evenings (when the paper is laid-out and mailed) would be unable to get into the office. An additional problem was getting to and from our printer's offices in Revere — one of the Boston suburbs hit by the storm.

The state of emergency declared by Mass. Gov. Michael Dukakis virtually shut down the city of Boston and its suburbs throughout the past week, and it would have been impossible for us to get that issue of the paper out.

community voices

prisoner of conscience

Dear GCN,

The subject of redefining "prisoners of conscience" to include people who are discriminated against for reasons of sexual preference was raised at an Amnesty International regional conference in San Francisco on Sat. Jan. 21. As the regional conference has no power to effect changes in policy, the question will be referred to the AI Executive Council meeting in April.

Although sentiment appears to be strongly in favor of including gay people in the definition of Prisoners of Conscience, there are several difficulties which the International Executive Council might encounter in dealing with it. Perhaps the major one is that of AI's rapid growth in the last year, amounting to thousands of new members a month. Amnesty estimates that there are already a half million prisoners of conscience worldwide, and the task of matching the thousands of new prisoners with the hundreds of new prisoner-adoption groups (the basic "cells" through which the organization operates) is taxing the capacity of the loosely-structured organization greatly. For this reason the idea of significantly expanding the number of prisoners represented might be viewed with apprehension by the organization's executives. In addition, Amnesty is battling a "leftist" image which hampers its efforts to gain support among responsible conservative people who fear the organization may become dogmatic, politicized, or one-sided. (William F. Buckley, a long-time AI member, resigned recently over a dispute about the organization's opposition to capital punishment.)

Nevertheless, Amnesty International is more aware than perhaps any group in the world of power which public pressure can exert. Recommended action: send telegrams and letters to Amnesty International, 10 Southampton St., London WC2E England or 2112 Broadway, New York, NY 10023.

Whatever the outcome of this particular skirmish, I strongly urge GCN readers to come up with \$15 and enable themselves to voice whatever minor criticism they might have of Amnesty's work from within the organization. It would not be necessary to emphasize that Amnesty International works shoulder-to-shoulder with all groups seeking to eliminate prejudice and injustice before it eliminates us, even if it

chooses at the moment that our shoulders not overlap.

The world toward which Amnesty International works will inevitably be better for gay people, since the abolition of arbitrary imprisonment and torture will benefit all people. After you become involved, and see the kind of prisoners whose cases AI deals with, and the magnitude of the struggle which faces us, it is unlikely that you will ever perceive AI as anything but an ally. Further, you are likely never again to feel oppressed by such things as the dress code at Sporter's or Elaine Noble's language. Things can be unimaginably worse.

Ray Spears
Murphys, CA

correcting us

Dear People,

I'm writing to correct a misconception that was stated in the "Am Tikva — One Year Later" by Richard Burns in the Feb. 4th issue. His statement that B'nai Haskalah, the now defunct Gay Jewish group, was formed by "people of several different faiths, including Marge Ragona/MCC" is simply incorrect. Marge was not even in Boston in December of 1974, when B'nai Haskalah began. However, she was instrumental in forming Am Tikva in Jan. of 1977.

The other correction I'd like to make, which will annoy no one except me, is that my name is not Jan Prolet, but Jan Parlin. All in all, though, I enjoyed the article.

Shalom,
Jan Parlin
Boston

open letter to anita

Dear Mrs. Green:

It is nice to know that you are very concerned about children. Today many parents around our nation neglect, beat and brutally punish their children. It is very disgusting.

Today as I sit home listening to the news, I hear of your name again in the news. This time, however, you have gone beyond the area of child care and their interests. To hear that you are going to work toward bringing an end to any program on television dealing with homosexuality will go beyond your care for children.

Sex, violence and homosexuality may not be subjects that you think are wholesome for

No news from that week will be left out of this issue of the paper. We have a complete story of the effects of the storm on the city of Boston and have, as well, news from New York City, Fort Worth (Texas), Seattle, Providence, Florida and elsewhere in the country.

We ask that you take a special look at this week's *Speaking Out*, which was written by a gay person now in prison, and this week's center-piece, written by a gay person who was incarcerated for 22 years.

The plight of the gay prisoner is one that is difficult for many of us to imagine or contemplate. The frightful conditions to which gay people are subjected in prisons in this country are graphically described in our pages this week. We hope you understand our reasons for publishing these two "inside" stories and hope it will move you to work toward reform of the present prison system.

The story on page one of this issue realistically explains the conditions described on the other pages of the paper. We look forward to hearing from our readers and those of you who may know gay prisoners so that this dialogue can continue.

children or that your own children should not watch. This may be good for your children or the children of your church members. But to impose your views on other parents and their children is wrong. To suppress information from anybody, young or old, is improper.

A person unable to receive information about society will be unable to cope successfully in social activities. Withholding this information from the public television audience is like teaching the Greek Scriptures (New Testament) without teaching the traditions, commandments and prophecies of the forefathers of Christ. The reasons, purpose and actions of Jesus are all foretold in the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament).

Your position on homosexuality is your's. The church you and your family belong to has its position on sex, violence and homosexuality. Let those positions stay within your circle of people, your community and your social action. To bring your views to bear upon other people and their children is going beyond your duty as a mother, parent and Christian.

Remember that *our* Lord and Saviour, JESUS, did not force the Jews to believe and follow Him. They choose to follow Him.

You, Mrs. Green, have a right to voice, say, preach what you like, to say what you wish. This is guaranteed by the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States. But, you do not have the right to withhold anything, or attempt to withhold it from anyone outside of your immediate family and friends, whether it is good or bad. Thus to ask the networks to remove these subjects from the airwaves is your right, but it is not your right to raise money and campaign against the networks. It is denying the rights of others to have this information.

Thus, let it be known that, I, a concerned HUMAN BEING, am asking you to help *protect* children from hunger, beatings and brutality. These are more pressing than suppression of sex, violence and homosexuality on the airwaves.

Please, Mrs. Green, consider your Brother, Jesus, Lord of Lords. For if He were on earth today, His interest would be teaching and making disciples of the Way, the Truth. Let the world be. The world is passing away with a new heaven and a new earth waiting for all mankind.

May God Bless You,
Albert W. Stickney
Boston, MA

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We need you during the day to assist with clerical work and statistical reports. Call Richard or Roberta at 426-4469.

objecting to gayusa

To the Editor:

I would have gone to see the film *Gay U.S.A.* no matter what, as I am interested in just about any film or book that has to do with lesbianism and homosexuality. I was given an added push to see the film by reading Michael Bronski's interview with the filmmaker in the December 17th issue of GCN. The interview raised my hopes that the film would really deal with lesbians as well as homosexuals and that it strived to deal with issues of third world gay people. Arthur Bressan, the filmmaker, tells GCN that "Gay women like the fact that women occupy fifty percent of the screen time and that they feel the film is balanced". Well, I didn't think the film was balanced, nor did the people I saw it with at midnight on a very snowy Boston night.

I can't swear that women were on the screen less than men, or interviewed less than men, but it sure seemed that way. The camera seemed to come to rest again and again on gay men making out, and I found it annoying and politically bothersome. While the film included quick shots of third world contingents at the demonstrations I wanted more interviews with third world gays about their experiences and perceptions.

Another smaller, but annoying part of the film was its San Francisco chauvinism — presenting San Francisco as the only true haven for gay people. It played down the gay liberation movements in other places, and presented in my opinion a false notion of how safe it is even in San Francisco, to be gay.

The film did include some interesting discussion of men in drag, as well as some good shots of gay pride demonstrations, and some good interviews with older gay people. One of Pat Parker's poems about being gay made its way into the film and that was really good to see.

Sincerely,
Nancy Wechsler
Boston, MA

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Dear GCN:

I feel that you're right "It ain't easy in this crazy world." But your publication has been a major news source for me. I will be sending you \$10.00 when I get my unemployment check, next week.

I remember when GCN was passed out (no pun intended) in Sporter's as a throwaway in 1973 I never threw it away. I remember when I had to get GCN at the Meetinghouse, in 1974-75. It has always been a weekly joy to me; information, though I was part of the Gay Community, that I simply needed to know that I didn't. We, at the Boston Gay Hotline have used your newspaper literally thousands of times.

You are the only newspaper in Boston that has truly reflected what gay men and lesbians aspire to jointly; gay news that is relevant to us. I like to think that your newspaper plus GAYWAY, plus CLOSET SPACE, plus the Hotline, plus HCHS have contributed to women and men working jointly for a better life for our younger gays, for our troubled folks, for our happy folks.

That you are saddled with a painful load of debts, that you are not closed up like BODY POLITIC, that your paid staff aren't paid all the time (and when they are paid, it's grim pay), that you depend on people like myself who skip a draft beer for your publication, that you depend (I know, on angels and fairies) financial, of course, that in the end, I think you are the most courageous publication, gay or straight, in the Northeast.

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Ronnie Allen
Somerville, MA

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The Plight of the Gay Prisoner

Christopher Lemmond is an inmate at the Penitentiary of New Mexico who has requested that the following letter be printed by gay publications around the country. "I appeal directly to you and your organization for support. This is so very important to me and all of my brothers inside this dump . . . The Anita Bryant's of this world are in every part and level of the bureaucracy. It is here, in prisons, that they have the power to torture, maim and kill without fear of public exposure."

Christopher Lemmond's story is not a pleasant one but we feel it is a necessary one for us to print. Letters of support can be sent to Christopher c/o Lambdas de Santa Fe, Box 2622, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Letters of protest should be sent to Claude J. Malley, Warden, Penitentiary of New Mexico, Box 1059, Santa Fe, NM 87501 and Gov. Jerry Apadaca, State Capitol Bldg., Santa Fe, NM 87501.

In late July of 1976, I was sentenced for armed robbery. On the morning of the 5th day here, I was raped and stabbed by five inmates. I made up my mind that I would rather stay locked-up in solitary confinement for the complete 10 to 50 year sentence, than allow myself to be used as a tool for masturbation by the inmates here. I was placed in segregation in a 6 by 9 ft. cell surrounded by hostile, angry men who were constantly looking for someone on whom to vent their emotions. Because I'm young, gay and good looking (which is by no means something to brag about in prison), I became their scapegoat. I'd never encountered such blind hate before.

The staff tried to persuade me to go to the "protection unit" but fortunately I didn't. In September a man was killed for trying to keep a 17-year-old from being gang-raped.

During the next three months, I suffered through being set on fire, having solid and liquid human waste thrown on me and being subjected to constant verbal harassment. I fought, then, from 6 in the morning to midnight, every day of the week. It was very much a moral thing to me. I've never been able to let an anti-gay remark pass. I fought as if my life depended on every battle. There is something inside me that will not let me be abused as a gay man. I've refused to be the epitome of the "bus station queer" stereotype that the other inmates expected me to be. This only served to threaten the inmates' macho egos. Breaking my will became a challenge to them. The fighting became worse.

After a long, hard three months, I gave up and requested solitary confinement. For about 2 months I lived without anything but food. The "hole" is a 6 by 9 ft. cell kept darkened all of the time. You are not allowed mail, books, newspapers or cigarettes. At 10:30 p.m. a mattress is given to me and taken away again at 6 a.m. Sometimes the drain in the closet where the mattress was stored would flood with raw sewage. It soaked the mattress leaving it smelling so foul that I could not sleep on it. Cockroaches woke me by crawling on my face and inside my clothes. The worst, however, was that there was nothing to do.

After nearly two months I had changed so much, I almost didn't know myself; I had lost 20 pounds. The biggest change was mental. I paced the floor — four steps to the front of the cell, turn around, four steps to the back. I became unable to control my temper. I laughed and cried without reason or control. Finally I began to fear for my sanity. I requested that I be let out, knowing I could only expect the same hassles I'd already experienced.

In March of 1977, I decided to go to the protection unit. There isn't enough room here to get out of bed. It is overcrowded, and one of the worst things about the unit is that many people in it are insane.

Overcrowding extends itself to the State Hospitals too. The guards, knowing people in the protection unit fear for their lives, abuse us to an incredible extent. The verbal harassment by the guards is much worse than anywhere else in the prison. In addition, the guards violate the prison's policies. I've seen a guard open a cell with the express reason of getting the inmate out to beat-up another inmate. Complaints are met with, "Shut up, or we'll send you out to general population," where the inmate would be beaten, stabbed, raped or killed.

I found many problems living in protection. I found that the parole board discriminates against protection cases and gay people. People in protection are not allowed use of the psychological treatment, educational programs or any type of rehabilitation programs. So, it is impossible to build a favorable record to show to the parole board. As for discrimination against gays, one man told me of his interview with the parole board. His conduct record was discussed for five minutes and his sexuality was discussed for an hour! The parole board then told him, "This prison is heaven for you queers with all these men around. The courts did you a favor by sending you up here. We think you need more time to learn your lesson." We are not allowed to have a radio or television. No musical instruments are permitted. We can't have more than six books a year, nor can we take correspondence courses.

Actually, I've been luckier than most young gay and non-gay men in prison. I've seen what a person looks like after they have been overpowered and sold for a pack of cigarettes, again and again, until no one would pay. They then become "house property". Sexual slavery is common here. Gay men are often put up as money in poker games. They have no control over who their "owners" are or what is done to them. They are loaned out to their "owners" friends, beaten and pimped. I know of one case in which a man was hanged because he "wasn't tight anymore."

Gangs of inmates known as "Booty Bandits" line up to know batter the insides of a pre-selected victim. When a person in general population is raped, he can do one of six things: (1) Go to protection. (2) Press charges on the rapist(s), which would eventually lead to protection or death. (3) Become a "kid" or sex slave to one inmate who has the power to treat him anyway he feels fit for protection from abuse on a grander scale. (4) Do nothing, which means he is "public property." (5) Get a knife and kill whoever raped him. (6) Get a knife and kill himself.

Incredibly, the prison officials block any effort to remedy this situation. The publicity involved in prosecuting an inmate rapist reflects badly on them. They refuse to let gay publications in the prison, which would help gay people organize and resist this treatment. All the while, people are being hurt both physically and

mentally. Indeed, when people are taught such total disrespect of a person's basic human right to control his own life, it can only harm society in the long-run. The psychological damage to the victims is devastating.

With all this damage, no programs are provided to help the prison rape victims cope with his inner feelings. Segregation, refusal of psychological treatment, added restrictions and punishment are all that are given.

Officials call it "The Homosexual Problem," yet rarely if ever are the rapists gay men. The prison officials place the blame on us and evidently feel we are being dealt with justly. In reality, it is they who are to blame. At the root of the problem is the overcrowded conditions, the inhuman treatment of all inmates, the lack of education of straight inmates about gay people, the refusal to allow gay people to unite to defend themselves and the absence of a way for all inmates to vent their inevitable feelings about their treatment and living conditions. By fostering hate and violence between inmates, the officials can continue to deal out inhuman treatment to all of us.

This is a life and death situation to many people. As I wrote this, one man disemboweled himself and another slit his own throat. I do not know if they are dead or not. Both incidents occurred less than thirty feet from my cell. It is worth a 13-cent stamp. Please write in support of my case and in protest of the whole situation that makes the rapes of our brothers possible.

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Last November, Harvey Milk was elected to a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors [city council]. His campaign victory marked Milk as the third openly gay person to win public office in the United States.

Milk's victory followed a tough political battle that included another openly gay man, Richard Stokes. The fight between Milk and Stokes characterized a classic struggle within the gay movement. Stokes, an attorney, was

backed by "The Advocate" and many controversial "professional" gays. The Stokes campaign was one of the most highly financed campaigns ever in San Francisco politics — spending some \$35 per vote cast for the candidate.

Critics and supporters alike describe Harvey Milk as being "emotional" and sometimes "too direct." His no-holds-barred attack on gay movement colleagues disturbs even some of Milk's strongest advocates.

Harvey Milk Talks About

His flamboyance never fails to attract attention, however. On Jan. 9, 1978, Harvey Milk marched a mile to City Hall for his swearing-in ceremony. Television cameras swarmed the newly-elected Supervisor who walked with his arm around his lover.

The following interview, conducted by Joe Martin, took place a few days before the swearing-in. The interview, in its entirety, was recently broadcast on the WCAS program "Closet Space."

The workload on issues is incredible. The workload on the city is incredible. The responsibility, as a gay liberationist, is incredible. I knew it. I knew what I was getting into. I accepted it, and I feel I'll be able to do it. I won't be able to do as much as I would want. But you can be sure, I'll be setting styles and tones that this city has never seen before.

JM: Before I ask you how you'll accomplish that, describe the issues of the district. Describe the district. Were you elected by mostly gay people? And who are your constituents?

HM: First of all, District 5 is the central core of San Francisco. It covers the Haight [Haight-Ashbury]. It covers Eureka Valley, the Castro area. It covers an area called 24th Street, Noe Valley, and part of Diamond Heights. It covers a very poor welfare area close to the Fillmore area, highly Black. It covers Diamond Heights which is almost suburbia within the city. It cuts across everything. It is a very high . . . working-class neighborhood.

My constituents are . . . There are 98 precincts within the district. I was the first place vote in 60-odd precincts. I was the second place vote in some 30-odd precincts. There were six precincts in which I came in third or fourth of seventeen candidates. My support cut across everything. I would say the district is no more than 15-20% gay, at the very most. To get elected, you have to have a lot of other votes.

I had strong support by some unions. Some traditionally stereotyped anti-gay unions like the firefighters supported me. The Teamsters, and the Teamsters in San Francisco are the antithesis of the national Teamsters; they supported me.

I was supported by the *Bay Guardian* which is our alternative newspaper. It's been fighting against the trend of this city of the last ten years. And I was supported by the *Chronicle* which is the most conservative paper of this city. Also, I was supported by the *Berkeley Barb* which is . . . "big stream."

So, what I'm trying to say is that my support is broad-based.

JM: When you referred to the *Bay Guardian*, you asserted that it opposes "recent trends" in San Francisco. What are these trends?

HM: Well, we call it the Manhattanization — the building for building sake, the driving out of light industry, blue collar jobs, and turning it over to a white collar city — the putting all the eggs in the tourist basket and not having anything to fall back on — the destruction of the neighborhoods — the encroachment of downtown into the neighborhoods — the disregard for the needs of the neighborhoods and, in turn, giving everything to whatever the Chamber of Commerce has wanted. That's been the trend for about ten years, and the *Bay Guardian* has been fighting that . . .

JM: You won by a substantial margin this time. When you ran for a state assembly seat in 1976, you did not win. Why?

HM: There was a combination of factors. The state assembly bid was during the Democratic primary, and only Democrats could vote. A lot of people in this area are registered as independents. They couldn't vote. That's one part.

JM: What makes Harvey Milk run?

HM: (laughter) I've told this story before. It'll be a five minute story — or three. I remember what it was like to be fourteen and to be coming out. In some ways, today, I know that there's a fourteen year old child (and I always pick San Antonio or Des Moines) who discovers that he or she is gay. The parents of that child throw the child out of the house, in one way or another. The child knows that he or she will be tormented by his or her classmates. That child will be harassed by the local police officer. That child is a criminal under state law. That child hears from the pulpit of churches that he or she is sinful. And finally, the child now turns on t.v. and hears Anita Bryant saying "how wrong."

That child has several options in life: to remain closeted, to become an alcoholic, suicidal or depressed or whatever. Then, one day, that child picks up a newspaper that says "Homosexual elected in San Francisco." Then, there are two options for that child: to come to San Francisco where it's accepted, or to stay in Des Moines or San Antonio and fight.

I've always said that. Upon my election, we got newspaper clippings from all over the country with the story "Homosexual Elected." The day after these stories appeared, I got a phone call — and it wasn't from San Antonio and it wasn't from Des Moines; it was from Altoona, Pennsylvania. There was a young voice saying, "is this Harvey? . . . Thank you very much, Harvey . . ."

JM: So you're very much a gay liberationist.

HM: That's right. Subsequent to that, there have been many other phone calls. From Richmond, Minnesota, there was one from a guy who's seventeen years old. His family wanted to put him in an asylum.

JM: What do you say to people like that?

HM: Pack your bag. I give them directions to the nearest major city. Maybe I'll tell them to go to the nearest gay community center. Find a cab. Ask the cab driver to take them to a gay community center. Talk to people at the nearest center. Find help there. Use that as a transitory step to . . . wherever, California, New York, Boston, Miami.

JM: Do you worry that the pressures placed on you by the new change in your life will affect you adversely?

HM: The workload — between filling the potholes in the street — the budget — major city problems — you must understand I did not run as a gay liberationist. I am a gay liberationist. I ran as an issue-oriented person. Of the seventeen candidates running in the city, I was probably the most issue-oriented one. I am incredibly issue-oriented.

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There were some strange influences which you could pin down to one. Jerry Brown was running for President at the same time in the same primary. Jerry Brown had given his promise to everybody in the state that he wouldn't intervene in any primary election in the state. Agnos won the assembly primary the weekend after Jerry Brown endorsed him. All Jerry Brown had to do was to swing five votes per precinct to my opponent away from me. That was the crucial thing.

The reason he did that: Brown broke his promise, his pledge, because of the fact that his campaign manager was the Speaker of the State Assembly. The Speaker's aide was the one I was running against. So I was running against that power.

There were a lot of other things that chipped away. I don't think they would have made the difference between winning and losing unless you added them all up. But the Brown endorsement was the major thing. There was the intervention in our local election of people from your city, like Elaine Noble, coming 3,000 miles to California to campaign against a gay person for a straight person — both of whom she had never met. Then she would not meet me. She put out a lot of information, a lot of photographs, a lot of endorsements, a lot of statements . . . erroneous. I could use the word lies because they were lies. She actually spread lies about me that she had met with me and said I was weak on issues and so forth. It was total fabrication. That hurt. It didn't cost so many votes per se because most people understood. But it meant devoting time and energy to counter that where it should have been going to a positive means. That hurt. And there were some little other factors. We feel it was the Governor's coming in at the last minute that, we feel, made the difference between winning and losing.

JM: Gay people in this city make up a substantial portion of the population. I understand that no openly gay person has been elected to city-wide office in San Francisco before. I'm a little surprised that Boston beat San Francisco in electing an openly-gay person to public office.

HM: Part of the reason for this is size. Until we had district elections, you had to run for city office city-wide. You're talking about 250,000 people who actually vote in a city of 600,000.

Plus, city-wide, you need a lot of money. I almost got elected two years ago in a city-wide race for Supervisor. The six incumbents were re-elected. There were twenty-three other challengers, and I was next. I was the best loser. What kept me from getting elected was lack of sufficient money. Also, there was a police and fireman's strike. The weakest incumbents came out looking good, and the media gave them good press. I could have done it then.

On top of that we've had quote so-called *gay leaders* . . . people who have passed themselves as spokespeople for the gay movement based upon the fact that they've been able to pass themselves off on it. They have always opposed me. *The Advocate*, Jim Forster, Joe Daly have always opposed me. They have always opposed any gay person who was trying to get up ahead, if they can't control that person. All movements go through this — the internal bickering and fighting. They opposed me with smears, lies. . . . They were worse than the legitimate people who opposed me.

JM: Who are these people you're talking about? You mentioned *The Advocate*. People in Boston are familiar with *The Advocate*.

HM: Well . . . yes; David Goodstein has always opposed me. His top aides in San Francisco have always opposed me . . . for no reason, never on an issue. They have never said, "Well Harvey's too close to unions and thinks like a union person and we don't need that." Or "Harvey's too much of an environmentalist and we don't need that." They've done it on phoney reasons . . . to actually lie because they don't want anybody else to get to the top of the mountain. I think that's how Elaine Noble got out here. They paid for Elaine's trip out here. Who knows how much money they gave her under the table, above the table, whatever, aid or promises to help her so that she could oppose me. And she never opposed me on any issues — except lies. They felt there could only be one person on top of the mountain. These are the type of people I always say who use the movement rather than are *for* the movement. I recognize that there's plenty of room for a lot of gay people at the top of the mountain . . . that we're going to need them . . . we desperately need them. That's why I keep encouraging more and more people to get involved . . . more and more people to run for different offices. We may have a gay person running for judge next year. We'll have people for the Democratic Central Committee. I'm encouraging it because we need that multitude. I think that's the difference between myself and some of these so-called gay leaders who've never done anything except speak up. And they're being pushed aside. My election says Elaine Noble you were wrong. You were rotten to come out here 3,000 miles to get involved against a gay person for a straight person. We don't need "friends" to help the gay movement. We can do it ourselves. You don't find Blacks any longer electing "friends" of the Black community. You find Blacks electing Blacks. You find Latinos electing Latinos. You find Asians electing Asians. If Elaine Noble doesn't understand that, it tells me she's either dumb or she was using the gay movement for her own personal rea-

sons. We had gay persons in San Francisco the same way. My election tells them "You were wrong. Keep out." We don't want you anymore. We don't like your attitudes. We don't want that concept. We want to get gay people who are qualified, who understand what the city's about, what the state's about, elected. Let them help us. If Elaine Noble had not fought me last time and had come out here and helped me, it's conceivable that I could have been elected. Then we would have had a state legislator here and a supervisor. And we would have had somebody to fight Sen. Briggs and his initiative. We would have had a gay legislator who could have gone from California to Miami — instead of having "friends" go to Miami. That kind of leadership, this Uncle Tomism, is finished in San Francisco. There will still be those few people who will fight for Uncle Tomism. We will do our best to prevent it.

JM: Your election last November was probably the only positive major event in the gay movement in 1977.
HM: No.

JM: Okay. What other things have you noticed?

HM: I don't know what the others are. I do know of . . . two others, one is in Los Angeles. There's a gay person down there by the name of Don Armador. He teaches a university gay studies course . . . for the gay movement. He was just recently, about two months ago, appointed by the mayor as a liaison to the gay community. It is not a token position. It is a paid salaried position as staff liaison. From the point of gay history, that is important. From the point of the movement, it's important that Mayor Bradley would issue Don Armador his calling cards. There's the seal of

the city of Los Angeles, the mayor's name, Don Armador's name, and under it "Gay Liaison" — coming out of City Hall the word "gay" printed with official recognition. That is important. It may sound menial. It may sound small, but it's important. It breaks the barrier. It breaks the precedent. So that's important. Now, because of that, Don and I are working very close together to try to tie together a real gay movement in this state . . . to have a state-wide impact.

The other very positive thing that happened is Miami. My strongest thing is registering gay people to vote. Anybody. But mainly gay people. Out of my store over the last few years we registered a good 5000 people . . . not all gay. We always had trouble getting it [a registration drive] going. Subsequent to Miami, the next day, we set up card tables outside with signs saying, "Don't let it happen here." And we had no gay issues on the ballot. But we registered 800 people . . . in twenty-four hours. Subsequent to that, we registered many, many gay people. Many, many gay people got into political organizations. We formed more political and powerful ongoing organizations since Miami than in the last several years before that. So, out of Miami, something very positive happened.

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One young boy/man in particular captures my attention. At first it's his flashing smile framed by a helmet of straight, blue/pitch hair, face punctuated by cool black eyes. Then I take in his firm athlete's body, my eyes riveting on sensuous muscular thighs which no Colt beefcake could have duplicated, khaki fabric straining with each movement flattening a would-be bulge between the V-line of his legs. I start to look away, "Oh Christ, he's been watching me all this time!" I flush and in a sideward glance see he's still looking. I turn my face toward him, stare directly into his eyes, he looks coldly, then appraisingly and in one rapid gesture moves his hand to his crotch. In quick adjustment grabs 'n' pushes up a round circle of flesh higher, closes his legs tighter causing a bulge which would fulfill a basket fancier's wildest dreams. I've watched his every calculated move (and he mine) as I stretch out my legs to their fullest and stare again at this beige-faced beauty. We join eye to eye again, he throws back his head and smiles blindingly. His spirited friends regain his attention; it's their stop. All run out, he turns as

— no, I'm not advising nor reverting to an easy rhetoric. I have just experienced and stimulated memory. Key to lock, self-examination suspends, I'm home.

Don greets me in the kitchen in his quiet way, offers a cup of coffee, 'n' as soon as I've settled in we start clearing the way for an interview.

Natick raised, son of a housewife and railroad engineer, he bears some of the physical and psychic marks of twenty years imprisonment: pallid complexion, extremely self-effacing, in need of confirmation for every movement, for every minor act. He stretches his lanky frame to its fullest and thumbs through the pages of a 1956 Life magazine I had, his sonorous voice bare, lighting with recognition...

Don: I remember some of this stuff — jeez did all this take place?

Lee: Yep, the Hungarian revolution. Ingrid Bergman returns to film, Margret Whiting is up in the charts — and, most memorable of all, Mamie Eisenhower's 60th birthday.

Don: Boy, it has been a long time since then.

Lee: How did you get started in gay sex?

Don: Well, a neighbor boy and I shared a relationship for about five or six years.

Lee: How old was he?

Don: He was eleven.

"It's not the same if you are a burglar who *happens* to be gay—there's a real hate for someone in on a child rap. I figure they have to have someone lower on the totem pole to look down on and take their frustrations out on."

doors close, I wink, another smile from him — it's over.

Our exchange took moments — a rapid, sensual, gratifying bit of business between two similar human opposites. I, now thirty, he, of those sprawling indeterminate years between fourteen and eighteen where a body'd have to be a seer to guess the age of a boy. I question myself: if he were alone, would I have pursued the experience, flush him outwit some standard greeting, "rotten weather, hey man?" No, who needs the grief. So much the man yet so much the boy — besides it's not my thing. I exit into a sea of ebony, brown/cream 'n' white faces and as I trudge the hill to home I consider the interview I'm about to do with Don,

Lee: And after that?

Don: Well, when I got out of the service I got involved with young guys and that was the beginning of my legal hassles.

Lee: What happened?

Don: I was sentenced to two years in jail for an affair I had with a young person.

Lee: And you continued with boys after you were released?

Don: Well, it just kind of happened.

Lee: What events led to your second sentencing?

Don: I had got a job working for a charity. I drove this log cabin on wheels all around Boston and Medford. I'd set up and charge or accept donations for a walk through it. One

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just released from a twenty-two year stretch for having consensual sex with "underage" boys.

What if I'd been caught at fourteen in one of my desperate searches for someone older to share my urges with. What if my mother, in some Calvinistic rage, prosecuted someone I loved. Prosecuted Russ, one of my dad's graduate students, or John, my swimming instructor? I would have been as responsible as they. I vibrated my own incipient gay sensuality — hand to crotch, inviting smiles, et al. And for their active acquiescence, for those moments of lust, warmth, and support they shared when my need was greatest, they might have spent twenty years in jail. The limb they walked out on might have given way to some unending fall from societal grace.

I catch myself — am I proselytizing?

day I had my leg up resting on a chair and I got kind of an involuntary hard-on. Then this kid walked through the exhibit and left like a hundred other folks, but he was very nice looking and I watched him as he left. When I was closing up he came up to me and said Hi. He was forward-like and we went for coffee and a snack. We talked about all sorts of things and he said, "I really like you." I said, "oh yeah, why?" He said, "oh, for lots of reasons but I really like your prick."

Lee: Come on, are you serious?

Don: Liked to knock me over too and as I got to know him there wasn't much Robert didn't know about sex. He'd made it with girls, men and boys younger than him for some while . . . well, let's say I didn't have to teach him nothing.

Lee: How old was he and how long did this relationship last?

Don: Well, he was fourteen and we were together for six months 'til his father got suspicious. He got the boy to talk and then he and some others brought charges against me.

Lee: Others?

Don: After a while he brought some other kids around that he'd been with — well, and one thing led to another.

Lee: How old were they?

Don: From nine to fourteen.

Lee: What kind of sex did you have with them?

Don: Fondling, sucking, mutual masturbation.

Lee: Weren't you afraid of getting caught considering your previous experience?

Don: Everything just snowballed. I experienced guilt feelings, but things just went along until Robert talked and they arrested me.

Lee: What were the specific charges?

Don: Unnatural acts, lews and lascivious conduct, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor in two different counties, although I was tried in Middlesex.

Lee: What was the outcome?

Don: I pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eight to ten years at Walpole prison. I secured a transfer to Concord after the first year for my own safety.

Lee: What was the cause of your fear?

Don: The regular population's attitude toward sex offenders. You can get harassed pretty bad. If there's a fight or riot you stood a good chance of getting stabbed or killed. It's not the same if you are a burglar who *happens* to be gay — there's a real hate for someone in on a child rap. I figure they have to have someone lower on the totem pole to look down on and take their frustrations out on.

Lee: How did you end up doing twenty-two years on an eight to ten-year sentence?

Don: While I was in Concord the state enacted the Olson law, number 123A which demands treatment for "sexually dangerous persons." This law was retroactive, so two days before I was released on the criminal charge I was taken before a judge who ok'd a civil commitment for one day 'til the end of my life under 123A. I was taken to Bridgewater soon after.

Lee: What was your reaction to this legal turn?

Don: I felt bad. I thought I was ready for the streets. But at first I thought it might be best. They did give me treatment.

Lee: Treatment?

Don: Well, I was still pretty scattered — I needed help getting my act together — formulating a future.

Lee: (incredulous) This required another twelve-year incarceration?

Don: No, I could have received the help on the streets. Maybe gotten some therapy through the Homophile Community Health Service, but I don't think it was available then, and at that time the authorities wouldn't have heard me 'cause of the Puritan act Massachusetts was in.

Lee: What was Bridgewater, home of the Titticut Follies, like?*

Don: It's a big old place out in the

A SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PERSON?

country — you could do better time there. I was in the treatment center which is part of, but different than, the place for the criminally insane, though we had our share of violent people.

Lee: Did they try to change your sexual identity?

Don: No, not to speak of. Some liberated therapist told me sex was beautiful no matter who it was with as long as there was no violence and both parties consented.

Lee: Was there any violence in your contacts with the youths you were involved with?

Don: No, I've never hurt no one in my life — never wanted to.

Lee: Did they make you feel guilty about or try and talk you out of sexual contacts with younger people?

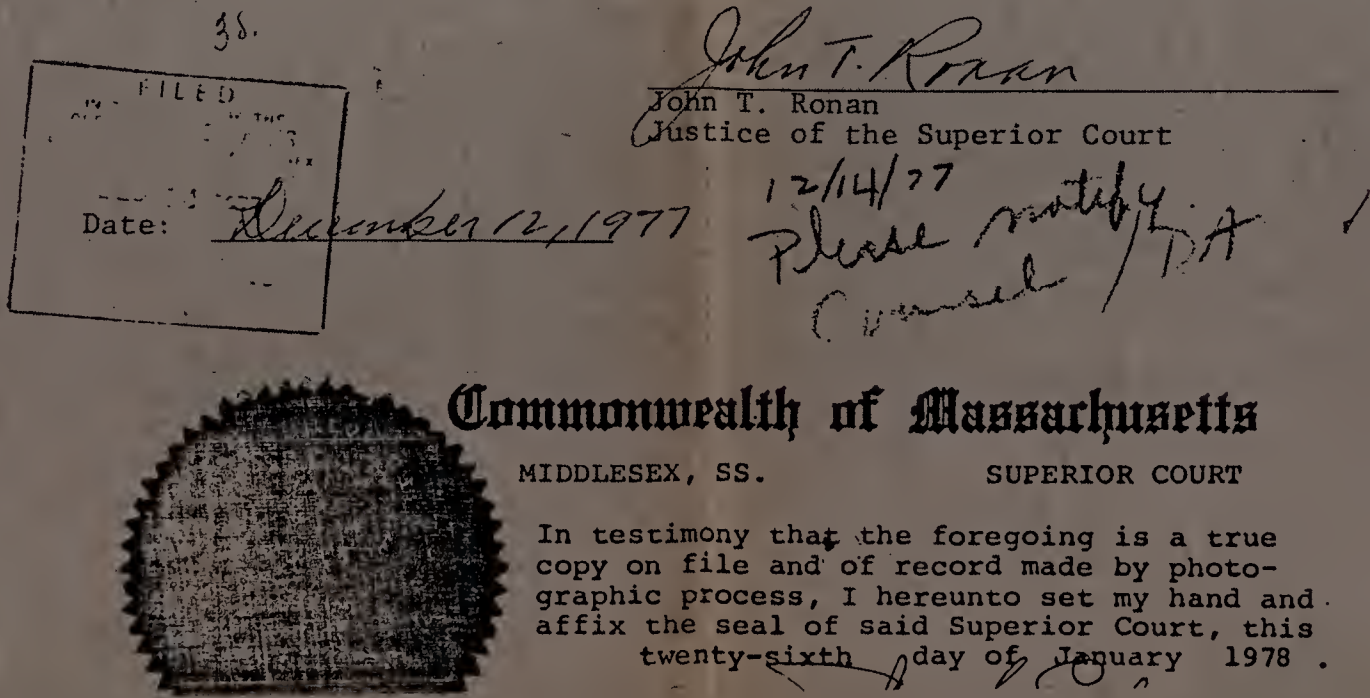
Don: They said it's ok to be gay but elevate the age level — I had to choose something that was better for me — no, really for them. They set the standards, they play the mind games.

Lee: Mind games? In what way, Don?

Don: Well — they constantly test you, hold out a carrot and snatch it away — set you up for disappointments just to test your reactions. You are theirs for an indefinite period and they work on you.

Lee: Can you be more specific?

Therefore, after hearing the evidence I am unable to find, as required by law, that Donald Huntley is beyond a reasonable doubt a presently sexually dangerous person. Therefore, he is entitled to release.



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SUPERIOR COURT

In testimony that the foregoing is a true copy on file and of record made by photographic process, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Superior Court, this twenty-sixth day of January 1978.

Don: You'd have to be there, and experience it. I just don't have the words to say it.

Lee: Did you develop any gay relationships while you were there?

Don: Yes — especially since the open-door policy in our tier — people could visit openly at all times of day. I have a sweetie up there whom I love very much.

Lee: How old is he?

Don: Twenty.

Lee: Do you want to talk about your affair?

Don: No — it might not be good for him.

Lee: Did you receive any gay literature while you were there?

Don: Yes, *Gay Community News* and *Fag Rag*. They were an awful important contact with the outside world. But no man/boy books because quite a few men were in for that.

Lee: Do you care to talk about those other guys?

Don: Many were nice fellows, not many were violent; but it might not do them any good to be specific.

Lee: What was the extent of therapy?

Don: One half hour a week private and two one-hour group sessions. I didn't like being put with people who'd violently attacked minors though. I didn't feel it was the same.

Lee: Don, if I may ask, what were your parents' attitudes during all this? Were they supportive?

Don: Yes, my father tried every way he knew to get me out. My mom didn't get involved in that part of it — but she cared. I think they always carried the idea around that I'd come out straight.

Lee: Have you contacted them since you've been out?

Don: (tears welling in his eyes, this has been the only discernible sign of emotion so far.) They're dead. I don't have nobody. My mother died in my first term, then I had to arrange my father's funeral over the phone from Bridgewater and my

half-brother passed on two months before my release. So, there's nobody left.

Lee: Are you bitter? It seems they treated you like public enemy number one, not letting you out on a leave to arrange your dad's funeral.

Don: Yes and no, I mean it happened, it's over. See what I mean about mind games?

Lee: You were released on parole in December of '71?

Don: Yes, I was out for twelve months and then violated. I had a good time though. I met people from the old Homophile Union. I believe Bob Dow was president of it then.

Lee: Why was your parole violated?

Don: For a combination of things. I had two reports of being out late on me, although in one of the instances I was taking a mother and daughter to the hospital. But I was released in an area where the police were on me and though there was no specific curfew, they reported it like a violation. I also was not receiving a paycheck or in a salaried position, though I was living on monies my father left me and putting them into a second-hand shop that wasn't doing so good. But what really topped it was being seen by two Bridgewater staffers in a shopping center with a fifteen-year-old boy. His family and I were just friends and I hadn't done

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anything with him. But they thought I was reverting back to my old ways and locked me up.

Lee: Did you feel your love for boys was ever wrong? I mean it has cost you so very much.

Don: Well, I was *made* to feel it was wrong in my upbringing and then the court said it was wrong and then the hospital people said so, but whether or not the love is wrong will be settled in another time.

Lee: Another time?

Don: I don't know if society's ready or not for that kind of love with Anita Bryant and all. But I'll tell you one thing — I still love boys, but I can't afford to be with them. If I were caught, I'd never see the streets again. Besides, I have my honey and

name. I could have gone to a half-way house but I wanted to be done with it. I've been through hell, more mental than physical. I mean after the first eight years nothing was definite. I just hung there day to day then boom, I'm released in a matter of days.

Lee: What are your feelings about the Revere men and what they will be going through?

Don: Knowing what the bureaucracy and treatment program want. I feel deeply sorry for them, though maybe the publicity will help them in some way.

Lee: Any advice to them?

Don: Not much I can give. If they hit Bridgewater the staff will keep them there until they want to let them out. Best thing is to get a damn good attorney. I hope they don't get it too bad.

Lee: Do you resent the term in your release paper "sexually dangerous person"?

Don: Yes, I don't believe I was *ever* sexually dangerous. It is a legislative, not a psychiatric, term.

Lee: Do you believe the punishment was commensurate or equal to the crime?

Don: What crime? I've felt a kind of guilt and had it drilled in me more but I never felt I did anything like a *crime*.

I can't think of more to ask and we sit in day's-end silence, the sun adding a warm glow to the faded grandeur of Argo house's community room. Don expresses some joy about going to an MCC dinner tonight and I sit reflecting, wondering if the day will come in my life when I'll say "rotten weather, hey man?" And, upon receiving a positive response, maybe I'll get off that train with the boy/man of the flashing smile, face framed by a helmet of straight blue/pitch hair.

*Titticut Follies, a searing documentary about the abuses of the Bridgewater psychiatric staff against patients. It has never been shown in the state of Massachusetts.

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when he gets out we might get a place together.

Lee: And if his feelings have changed toward you in the next few years?

Don: I don't think I'll take the hurt well — I'd never try for anything permanent again.

Lee: Is your present release unconditional?

Don: Yes, you have the right to petition the court for a release and two state psychiatrists said I was no longer a "sexually dangerous person." I was released against the wishes of the Bridgewater staffers. Once they've got you they want to be the big eye. They would have preferred a parole situation that they could snatch away at will.

Lee: Were you released with a trade?

Don: Yes, I'm an auto mechanic, but they let me out with only \$52 to my



A Gay Juror's Day in Court

By Mitzel

When I told my friends I spent a month serving on Jury Duty at the Suffolk County Courthouse, they all asked me about it. What's it like? Was I on any interesting cases? Did I convict anyone? The curiosity about being a juror is the curiosity about the legal process in America in general. The workings of the law remain a mystery (except for those who can buy their very own private set of laws). It's a mystery that borders on the religious — and no coincidence, by the way, that courtrooms resemble tidy Protestant churches.

I reported for Jury Duty to the 3rd floor of the new Suffolk County Courthouse, as did about 500 others. We were not a very diverse-looking group. The bulk of us tended to middle- or late-middle age. Anyone under 25 stood out. Everyone was over-dressed. A judge came into the jury pool room and addressed us — a little Civics Lecture on The Majesty of The Law, Our Duty as jurors, and that *neatness counts*. A judge runs his courtroom like a fiefdom, we were told; if we weren't dressed to his satisfaction, out we'd go. Clothes, apparently, not only make the man or woman; they also make the law.

If your idea of Hell is other people, then sitting in the jury pool for 30 days is The First Circle. By the 2nd day, the men had card games going. Many of the women knitted and talked family. (My friend Bunny LaRue observed that there hadn't been the clicking of so many needles in one place since Paris in The Terror.) It was clouds of cigarette smoke and the din of ceaseless jabber.

I was called in the draw for jurors twice and dismissed for cause both times.

In my third week, I was seated as juror #11 on a rape case. A white man was accused on 3 counts: unnatural acts, rape and robbery upon a white prostitute in Brighton. The case was prosecuted by Asst. D.A. Mahoney, a plump and inept young member of Garrett Byrne's prosecutorial team. Chief Justice Bonin was the presiding judge.

My attitudes about rape (and the class of crimes in which I include rape) are firm. I regard assaults upon women and faggots by straight men as the most serious crimes. And I think it is, in general, a good development that women are increasingly reporting attacks upon themselves and are willing to confront their rapists. There is a darker side to this development, however. It is that a sleazy District Attorney can increasingly use the charge of "sex crimes" (rape included) to exploit the popular prejudice against "criminals" — and particularly those who engage in "unlawful sex" — for quick convictions. I think this is where a gay person, and particularly one with some feminist consciousness, must be very sensitive and not rush into the D.A.'s arms for protection against all the unlawful sex in the community.

Frankly, I do not trust Garrett Byrne and his hirelings for a minute. All they are interested in is favorable publicity and quick and easy convictions. As I am a member of the Boston/Boise Committee, I have watched as the D.A.'s office has sensationalized and exploited the charges — unnatural acts, rape (statutory), and sodomy —

against the 17 men who have been arrested in the alleged (but non-existent) "Revere sex ring." It is one matter to pursue and punish rapists for crimes against women out of a genuine overall concern for the condition of women in our society. It is something more sinister to exploit an anti-sex climate in a conservative city by assuming that jurors will be less scrupulous in deliberating a charge of unlawful sex than they would be with other charges. It would be an exotic turn of events if the same D.A. who indicted Dr. Edelin for "manslaughter upon a fetus" were now to pose as the scourge of rapists and protector of women's rights.

By the time Chief Justice Bonin charged us, it seemed obvious that the D.A.'s office had not made a convincing case. But, my dear! The other jurors *couldn't wait to convict!* Within minutes of our being locked into deliberations, we voted. (You get little cards that say Guilty and Not Guilty so it can be private polling.) The vote went 11 to 1 to convict. I was the nay-sayer. I'm sure they thought it would be a short matter convincing me to change my vote. Little did they know the mettle of this manipulative faggot. I shared my doubts about the prosecution's ease. I pointed out conflicting testimony which raised doubts about the prostitute's credibility. Many of the other jurors finally admitted that they had reservations about convicting on such shoddy evidence. It took hours, but 5 of the other jurors came around to Not Guilty verdicts on all counts (some for the right reasons, some for the wrong ones). I would have hung the jury rather than convict *anybody* on an unnatural sex acts charge.

We reached an impasse. It was 6 to 6 on two counts, 7 to 5 on the other. Nobody could be further persuaded one way or the other. Finally, we compromised. This is allowed and even encouraged by some judges in order for us to reach a decision. (Hence, D.A.s bring multiple indictments of a similar nature, hoping they'll get convictions on a few counts if not all.) I proposed we convict on the robbery charge (for which there was the circumstantial evidence of the cabbie's testimony; he had seen the defendant flash a roll) and acquit on the two sex charges (for which there was only the impeachable testimony of the prostitute). This was agreed to and done. We reported our verdicts and were dismissed before sentencing. The defendant cried. I felt dirty. And I felt contempt for some of the other jurors. Their failure to listen to the judge's instructions, their determination to convict despite the absence of solid evidence, their lack of independent thinking had led to this compromise and convicted a man wrongly. I could understand other people having different conclusions from the testimony and evidence submitted to us. What I loathed was their callousness towards the defendant's presumed innocence and their willingness to extend a preference to the prosecution *just because it was making the accusation!* I felt that they wanted to do their duty alright — duty not to their own sense of justice but *Duty To The State!* There was an undercurrent of authoritarianism in some of their attitudes which made this ordeal of Trial By Jury a farce. (In a subsequent discussion with a defense attorney in the Revere-sex cases, I was told: "There is no way my client can get a fair jury trial in Irish-Catholic Boston.")

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THEATER

Prisoners of Ideas and Love

Happy New Era by Paul Hunter, directed by Dana Bate and *Prisoner of Love* by Richard Hall, directed by Peter Dowling. At the Glines Gay Arts Center, 260 W. Broadway, NYC.

By Robert Chesley

Paul Hunter's *Happy New Era* and Richard Hall's *Prisoner of Love* are the two short plays which have just opened at New York City's Glines Theatre.

The two characters in *Happy New Era* are the parents of a young man who has just come out to his father on New Year's Eve morning while being driven to the airport to return to college. The father breaks the news to the mother in the first hour of the New Year, and the play consists of a mini-parade of all the stereotypical parental reactions to finding out about a gay son — wanting to interfere and break up the son's relationship with his older lover who they assume seduced him, deciding that the son should see a psychiatrist, wondering what they did wrong, and so forth, and after 45 minutes deciding that they should accept their son and allow him to seek happiness and love in his own way.

It is all put forth concisely and with humor, and, as far as it goes, it is a good little play. But within its narrowed scope, dealing only with caricatures, it glides over several issues which an audience may feel deserve deeper exploration. The two characters, representing as they do "typical" American (and middle-class and white) parents, are not explored in their own right, and all we know about their marriage is that they agree at one point that it is a "good" marriage. It is the idea of a similar "good marriage" for their son, even if with another man, which resolves the trouble they have with accepting their son's homosexuality. The playwright thus avoids challenging the heterosexual model of marriage, which many gay people find oppressive—and many non-gays too, as far as that goes.

There is possibly one indication that the parents' relationship with each other might have more dynamics than a blandly "good marriage," but it is unclear whether this is the intention of the playwright, or is, disturbingly, the playwright's unconscious anti-feminism. The father, having had all day to go through various reactions to the situation, is ahead of the mother, who has just found out; thus we see the mother reacting emotionally and foolishly while the father leads the way (with more than a touch of noble pain) to rationality. There are a few instances when the father comes down hard on the mother for her irrationality ("For *once* in your life, *do nothing!*"), and the audience (almost entirely men on the night I saw the show) laughs uproariously. If this sexism is meant to be one of the dynamics of the marriage (as it is, of course, in many marriages), the playwright does not explore it—at best; at worst, the playwright is unaware of what appears to be his need to put women down.

Dana Bate as the father and Jacque Dean as the mother are both good in their roles, and Mr. Bate has directed the little show ably.

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The best part of Hall's *Prisoner of Love* is the dialogue. Hall can write funny lines, and can give these lines sudden twists to expose an underlying bitterness. And, as in his recently pro-

duced *Love Match*, Hall avoids glibly resolving the issues he raises to make a "satisfying" ending: at the end of both plays, at least some of the characters are left a little more aware, a little baffled, and a little sadder after the comedy has run its course.



The cast of Richard Hall's *Prisoner of Love*.

The target of Hall's satire is a young politico who arrives for a vacation in Puerto Rico armed with loads of pamphlets on gay history and Marxist analysis of gay oppression. The live-and-let-live gaymale friend he is visiting, perfectly happy in his moneyed *Advocate* lifestyle, arranges for him an affair with a Puerto Rican hustler. In the ensuing action, we see how far the liberationist's ideas are from the actual day-to-day concerns of "the people." Gays or Puerto Ricans, they are 90% content, Hall says, and unconcerned with the liberationist's endless analyses and calls for revolution. This is possibly true enough in a way, but many may find the implication that gays and Puerto Ricans are better off contentedly unaware of their oppression somewhat offensive.

Well, I'm not going to air *my* views on these issues here, even if I were fool enough to think I had the answers. It is when the play treats of the relation of idealistic and radical thought to the rest of society that an Ibsen is needed; and it is when it treats of the liberationist's idealized, self-deluding and possibly hypocritical love affair with the hustler that a Moliere is needed. And however far this little comedy is from these "greats," I suppose it is to Hall's credit that they are called to mind. Hall may have overreached himself, but he knows an issue.

John Archibald as the liberationist's campy and contented friend is the best in the cast, and is very funny with the deadpan stare, the Oh God look, the fishy smile, the knowing glance at the audience and the hollow laugh. Richard Voinche plays the liberationist as excessively prim and spinsterish. Heikko Kerin as the Puerto Rican hustler embodies a role which I found offensively stereotypical: a creature with a dominant instinct for his own comfort, impulsive, irresponsible, untrustworthy, and—apparently because of these characteristics—meant to be endearingly Puerto Rican. Thus, I could not warm up to his character, and was uncomfortable with his imitation Puerto Rican English. Peter Dowling's direction, as usual, kept things going amusingly.



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**Norman McLaren Retrospective, Cen-
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ual Arts, Cambridge. Feb. 24-26.**

By Kevin Kouns

Center Screen's Norman McLaren Retrospective is a feast for the initi-
ated. Animation *gourmands* are cer-
tain to love it, but the general public
might well be put off by its length and
density. That much McLaren — three
whole evenings — will appeal mostly to
the already convinced. If you know
that you like avant-garde animation,
and want to learn more about its
history, then this is the film event of
the year. If you're not so sure, or
haven't yet experienced this unique art,
then you might want to pass this one
up in favor of later events in the series.
Center Screen's Winter Animation
Festival will continue for several more
weeks; other programs feature more
varied and accessible fare.

That being said, I recommend this
extraordinary show without further
reservation. McLaren's importance to
the development of the art of anima-
tion has long been known; it is here
fully and finally documented. Center
Screen has assembled, with the aid of
the Canadian Consulate in Boston, the
largest presentation of McLaren's
work ever to be screened at one time.
Included are films which have not been
seen by the public for forty years.

Naturally enough, it is the early
films — especially those rarely seen —
which are the most interesting, if only
because some of the later ones have
been seen so often. Amazingly, Mc-
Laren had mastered the technique of
drawing directly on the celluloid as
early as the late '30s. His works from
that period are not merely innovative:
they are fully accomplished, as stylish
as anything done later by anyone. By
developing this technique, and others,
with an exuberant success, McLaren
created much of the contemporary
idiom of 'abstract' animation.

Such a harvest is the result of more
than mere hard work. We see in this
retrospective that McLaren possesses a
singular vision, a tendency toward
artistic self-absorption, a stress on pro-
cess rather than final product. These
announce McLaren as an utterly dedi-
cated artist. Here is a filmmaker's
filmmaker. Not that his ideas are ob-
scure or complicated. On the contrary,
they are simple in concept and direct in
execution, completely guileless. Rather,
their very simplicity belies a

deliberate reduction of content. Early
in McLaren's career, the solution to
technical problems became itself the
principal theme of his work. McLaren
is a film formalist, and a very impor-
tant one. He was among the first to
insist that movement *alone* (kineticism)
is the essence of animation.

Much, much more could be written
about McLaren's distinctive point of
view, and at least a few of his stylistic
trademarks must be mentioned in pass-
ing. Casual good humour and total
lack of pretense are essential to his
work because they soften the some-
what austere effect of his formalism.
Allusions to dance help even the most
abstract films retain a sense of serious-
ness and humanness.

It seems more important, however,
to emphasize his role as an historical
figure, and thus to forego some of the
purely aesthetic considerations. Some
readers might be asking what Mc-
Laren's work has to do with gay life.
He has been a trailblazer in the move-
ment to create an alternative film art,
an art responsive to the real needs of
the individual in our technological so-
ciety. At a time when animation meant
Disney, McLaren and very few others
chose to stay clear of commercial pro-
duction. That alone should invest his
efforts with the stamp of political
struggle. If you remember how the
Disney Studio, and others, have pan-
dered to the lowest common denomi-
nator of the American mind, you'll
know why 'alternative' animation has
been needed.

One has only to point to the
cinematic side of the New York Under-
ground scene of the '60s, and to its
eventual impact on Hollywood and
other mass media factories, to suggest
the degree to which gay lives have been
affected by the avant-garde film move-
ment. More recently, in the '70s, young
filmmakers have begun producing a
variety of films about women and gay
culture. Whether directly influenced by
McLaren or not, these films borrow
from a tradition begun, on this side of
the Atlantic at least, by him in the '40s.

I am not suggesting that anyone see
this program simply for the sake of
paying homage. As I have already
mentioned, your appreciation of Mc-
Laren will be proportionate to your
taste for animation, and not related to
anything else. But the occasion of a
major McLaren retrospective seems an
appropriate time to remind GCN
readers of the vitality and relevance of
independently-made cinema.

Trial by Ordeal

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My brief experience as a juror con-
firmed some of my worst suspicions
about the exercise of law in this county
and state. It's a cozy little closed game.
With very strict rules. The judges like
to pause occasionally and prate about
the wonderfulness of law. This alleged
wonderfulness did not jive with my
own observations. I saw fierce little
presentations made by lawyers (mostly
bumbling) which left us, as jurors,
wanting for information. They seemed
to want to hide as much as they
revealed. The judges seemed to have
wide and arbitrary powers. And the de-
fendants, unless they are filthy rich,
have the deck stacked against them
from the moment of their arrest. These

are cliches in standard criticism of our
legal system. I expected the attorneys
and judges to be players in their little
game and be outside the concerns of
justice. What disappointed me was the
mental slovenliness and casual
disregard of due process among my
fellow jurors.

One vivid memory lingers longest:

Walking down the grim and omin-
ous corridors of the Courthouse, I
passed rooms where juries were locked
up in deliberations. I was shocked to
hear wild shrieking, banging and
laughter exploding from behind the
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which, I fear, Lady Justice had fled,
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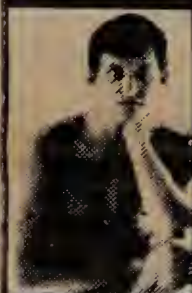
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By Eric Rogers

The Great Snow of '78 hit Boston hard, but it hit this reporter with a little extra punch . . . I had to cancel a greatly anticipated trip to P'town. Sitting in my suburban retreat, I envied my friends snowed in in Boston. Even though many of my favorite haunts battered down the hatches, some stayed open even during the fury of the storm. **Sporters** kept its doors open for people on the Hill. **The Eagle** opened up and the boys from the Fenway found a welcome retreat and some warm company. **Tony Bosco's House Restaurant and Delivery Entrance** kept open for drinks and food by the fire-side. In addition to their regular fare, **Tony** provided many people who were fighting the storm with hardy victuals and a place to rest their weary feet. Also serving the public during the times of emergency was the **Regency Baths**, which put up many people stranded in town. Let's be sure to support these businesses who supported us!



Jay Foote

So there I was — stranded in my house, far from the madding crowd. Sometime Wednesday evening I came down with a wild case of cabin fever and, at dawn on Thursday, I stalked out of my house and hiked to the train station in town. Hopping onto the first train to the Big Apple, I arrived in New York Thursday afternoon. While Boston was crippled by the blizzard, native New Yorkers were nonchalant, going about business as usual. That evening I had dinner at **Duff's** on Christopher Street, my favorite restaurant in that part of town. After that we hopped over to the leather bars on the docks — **the Spike**, **Eagle's Nest**, and down to the **Ramrod**. I was delighted to see one of my favorite national gay activists down at the **Ramrod** . . . black leather is so much nicer than gray flannel . . .

Stopped into **Gaysweek** and talked to my favorite vinyl junkies about what's hopping at New York discos. Seems like the **Ice Palace** is playing **Cerrone's Supernature** and that dance is catching on. There's also a wild disc just released that puts the actual lines from Bill Shakespeare's **Romeo and Juliet** to disco beat . . . iconoclastic, to say the least . . .

Back in Boston, a new kind of Saturday Night Fever is hitting the area as crowds pack the house at the **Orson Welles** to catch the midnight-only shows of **Gay U.S.A.**, **Arthur J. Bressan, Jr.'s** film capturing this year's Gay Pride marches in New York, Frisco, L.A., and Chicago. When I arrived at the theatre forty minutes early,

it was already filling up with the "Who's Who" of Boston gay life. I won't name names, but one local politico explained to me that those people that I thought conspicuously absent had caught the film on the west coast. In any case, the film was a celebration — full of the excitement and laughter and pride that reigns through the marches. **The Welles** was so pleased with the turnout that the show's been running for the past three weekends. Don't miss it again. It gets out too late to catch the bus, but the experience was well worth the admission price and cab fare . . .

Ron Robin, who had been with Boston's **WVBF** since 1972, has left the station to produce and host a new disco show on **WBOS, 93FM**. The show will be called **Disco Notes** and runs every Sunday night from 8 p.m. to midnight. The show includes fantastic disco mix, guest mixing from local disc jockeys, info on our favorite discos, and interviews with stars, like the **Trammps** and **Sha Na Na** (..

I caught **New Harmony Sisterhood Band** in Cambridge last week and was excited by their sounds and their politics. Their album is out and on sale at places like **New Words** and **Redbook** in Cambridge. It's called *And Ain't I a Woman*, a reference from a speech by Sojourner Truth. Check it out . . . **Joanna Cazden**, **Ginny Bales**, and the **Boston Women's Choir** will be performing at **Bread and Roses** in Cambridge on February 26. The evening includes a mid-eastern dinner and the price is five dollars. For those attending just the conference, the price is \$2.50 . . .

At the Meetinghouse Theatre Company at the **Charles Street Meetinghouse**, a double bill of **Edward Albee's The Zoo Story** and **Harold Pinter's Silence** opened on February 15. The company promises to offer a new twist with **Albee's** play, which has always been one of my favorites. The above run Wednesday through Saturday evenings and begin at 8:00. Phone 523-0368 for ticket information . . . **Freedom and Angelina**, a musical drama about abolitionist **Angelina Grimke**, opens February 23 for a six week engagement at the Church of All Nations on Tremont Street in Boston. The play traces **Grimke's** life from her youth in South Carolina to her journey north to Philadelphia and Boston in her fight against slavery. **Angelina** and her sister **Sarah** have been rediscovered by feminist historians and were strong women leaders in the 19th century. Performances will be Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 with matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. The project is free because it is sponsored by a grant from the Massachusetts Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy. The cast includes local actors **Jay Foote** and **James Spruill**, who were in the play's first touring production last year. Every performance will be followed by a discussion and there are several "audience participation" songs.

The **Vikings MC** celebrate their ninth anniversary this weekend. Happy anniversary to those boys who have been such a valuable part of the gay community for so long. I hope the party's wonderful and exciting.

March arrives next week . . . in like a lion . . . I'm just waiting for the grass to be green, the sand to be hot, and the evenings balmy . . . Until then, I'll have to keep my parka wrapped around me and snuggle by the hearth.

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Gay Alliance at Yale, Box 2031, Yale
Station, New Haven 06520 436-8945
Gay phone counseling (eves.), New Haven 436-8945
Gay Switchboard 522-5575
Gay Women's Collective, Women's Center,
U-118, University of CT,
Storrs 06268 486-4738
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575, 232-5110
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay
Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B,
Hartford 06103 547-1281
Kalos/Gay Liberation, Hartford 568-2656
MCC/Hartford 232-5110, 522-5575
New Haven Lesbian Rap, 148 Orange St.,
New Haven 436-0272
The Church of the Eternal Flame Universal 527-2656
UConn Gay Alliance, 211 Student Union,
U of CT, Storrs 06268
Yalesbians, Box 2031, Yale Station,
New Haven 06520 436-8945
Wesleyan Gay Alliance 635-3035

RHODE ISLAND (Area Code 401)

Brown University Gay Lib, 305 Faunce
House, Waterman Ave., Providence 02912
Office hours: Noon-1pm weekdays 863-3062
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Help Line 751-3322
Gay Community Services of R.I.,
55 Eddy St., rm 306
Gay Women of Brown, c/o Sarah Doyle,
Women's Center, 186 Meeting St.,
Providence, 02912 863-2189
Integrity, Box 71, Annex Sta., Providence 02801
MCC/Providence, 134 Mathewson St. 272-9247
MCC Innovative Ministry (terminally ill,
aged and handicapped), Rev. Michael
Nordstrom 272-8482
Providence Gay Group of AA 333-1396

NEW HAMPSHIRE (Area Code 603)

MCC-Extension, 292 State St.,
Portsmouth 03801 382-4678
Nashua Area Gays 882-8732
NH Lambda, Box 1043, Concord 03301 228-8542
Northwood Women's Group, G. Ball,
Box 273, RFD 1, Manchester 03104
NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force,
4 Valentine Hill Rd., Durham 02834

VERMONT (Area Code 802)

Counseling-Support for Gay Women,
c/o Susan Katz, South VT Women's Health
Center, 187 N. Main St., Rutland, VT
05701 775-1518
Gay Student Union, U of VT, Burlington
05401, M-F, 7-9pm 656-4173
Women's Center, 182 Main St., Burlington 863-1236

NEW YORK (CITY) (Area Code 212)

Ass'n of Gay Social Workers,
c/o Gay Switchboard Message Center,
110 East 23rd St., Suite 502, 10010 777-7697
Church of the Beloved Disciple,
348 W. 14th St., 10004 242-6616
Gay People at Columbia, Columbia U.,
10027 280-2574
Gay Teacher's Association, 204 Lincoln
Pl., Brooklyn 11217 789-8176/499-1060
Gay Switchboard, Box 805,
Madison Sq. Sta., 10010 777-1800
The Glines, 260 W. Broadway 925-2619
Lambda Legal Defense, P.O. Box 5448,
Grand Central Sta., 10017 758-1905
Lesbian Herstory Archives,
P.O. Box 1258, 10001
Lesbian Switchboard 741-2610
MCC/NY, 201 W. 13th St. 10011 242-1212
National Coalition of Gay Activists,
P.O. Box A-711, Grand Central Sta.,
10017
National Gay Task Force,
80 Fifth Ave., rm 506 741-1010
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop,
15 Christopher St. 255-8097
Tri-base Collective 533-4492
West Side Discussion Group,
37 Ninth Ave. 675-0143

NEW YORK (STATE)

Affirmation (Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus),
34 Chestnut Rd., Delmar 12054
Capital District Gay Community Center (7-11pm),
332 Hudson Ave., Albany 12210 (518)462-6138
Capital District Gay Political Caucus,
Box 131, Albany 12201 (518)462-6138
Dignity/Integrity/Rochester
42 Tyler House, 17 So. Fitzhugh St.,
Rochester 14614 (716) 232-6521
Empty Closet Collective, 1255 Uni-
versity Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 271-6750
Gay Alliance of The Genesee Valley,
Inc., 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (716) 244-8640
14614 or 244-9030
Gay Brotherhood of Rochester,
713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (716) 244-8640
Gay Liberation Front, U. of R., Wilson
Commons, Rochester 14607 (716) 275-6181
Gay Task Force, 713 Monroe Ave.,
Rochester (Mon. 7pm) (716) 244-8640
or 244-9030
Hamilton-Kirkland Gay Alliance, Box 80,
Hamilton College, Clinton 13323
Lambda Univ., Box 131, Albany 12201 (518)462-6138
Lesbian Resource Center, 713
Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607 (716)244-9030
NY State Coalition of Gay Organizations,
Box 131, Albany 12201 (518)462-6138
Stonewall Society, Poughkeepsie (914)473-3857

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calendar

19 sun

Boston — "In Defense of Boy Love". Tom Reeves of the Boston/Boise Committee will speak at the Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus at 7pm. 355 Boylston St.

Cambridge — Gay Academic Union of New England. 4-6pm, Shepard Room, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard University.

Cambridge — Daughters of Bilitis Spaghetti Dinner and Sing Along. 8pm. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. \$2.50

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21 tues

Boston — CLEARSPACE, Get Acquainted Party. Call 646-8598 for info.

NYC — Forum: Gay Porno Movies. West Side Discussion Group. 8:30pm. 37 Ninth Avenue at 14th St.

22 wed

Cambridge — Lesbian Self-Help group begins at Women's Community Health, 137 Hampshire St. Call 547-2302 for more information.

Boston — "Women, Ethnicity and Counseling: A Seminar", 10 sessions for mental health and social service personnel who work with women from various ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds. For info, call Womanspace, 267-7992.

23 thurs

Hartford — Singer-songwriter Donna Freeman performs her own and others' music. 8pm. Womanspace, a coffee-house sponsored by MCC, 11 Amity St. \$1 admission.

NYC — Audre Lorde, lesbian feminist poet and poetry editor of *Chrysalis*, will read from her works. Gay Women's Alternative, at the Universalist Church, Central Park West at 76th St.

25 sat

Cambridge — Gay folk dancing, 3-6pm. at Phillips Brooks House, Harvard University.

26 sun

Providence — Gay Women of Rhode Island, Pot Luck Dinner, 7pm. Sarah Doyle Women's Center, 185 Meeting St.

28 tues

NYC — Forum: "Policemen and Firemen Employment in NYC Police and Fire Depts. 8:30pm. West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

Cambridge — NOW General Meeting, "Abortion Rights: The Issue of the Year". 8pm. NOW Bldg, 99 Bishop R. Allen Drive.

2 thurs

Cambridge — Registration opens for the spring term at the Cambridge Women's School. For info call 492-4845 on Saturdays between 1 and 5.

3 fri

NYC — Gay People at Columbia Dance. 9pm, \$2.50 general admission. Earl Hall Center, 117th St. East on Broadway. Columbia Univ. Campus.

4 sat

Watertown — Women's Dancing Party at 14 Center St., \$3 donation to benefit the Caravan Theatre. 9pm. Call 353-9107 for more info.